

Information Products Bulletin

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Significant Information Products Under Development or Modification

The Information Products Bulletin (IPB) is a joint effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) to inform the public about "*significant information products*" being developed by EPA and some states, and identify opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement. "*Significant information products*" include products under development or modification by EPA and states, that use national or regional data to describe environmental conditions, trends, and/or the performance of companies, facilities and communities. Each of the product descriptions below includes a list of the stakeholder and public involvement activities that are expected to be available during product development. It should be noted that not all products provide an opportunity for stakeholder or public input during product development. Examples of such products are those produced on a routine or annual basis, or those that are technical, science-based documents that undergo a rigorous peer review process.

Specific information regarding dates for public meetings, workshops, forums, etc. may be obtained about individual products by contacting the number listed under each product description.

Please Note: The IPB is not intended to be a compilation of all EPA and State information products, only "*significant information products*" currently in the pipeline. Expected release dates are the best estimates to date; schedules are subject to change.

Products Under Development

Air

Progress in Reducing the Risk from Radon in America's Homes

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This report will present data on the scope of the radon risk in homes, the use of residential radon mitigation systems in existing homes, and the use of radon resistant construction in new homes. The intended audience includes members of the radon mitigation industry and the construction industry, as well as federal, state, and local government officials in the radon field.

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Cross-Media

2004 Toxics Release Inventory Public Data Release Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA anticipates releasing the 2004 TRI data (available electronically via the TRI Web site - see below) during the spring of 2006. The Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) is a publicly available EPA database that contains information on specific toxic chemical releases and waste management activities reported annually by covered industry groups as well as federal facilities. The TRI data report provides a general overview of the state of toxic chemicals on a national scale.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/tri

2006 Sector Strategies Performance Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: Launched in 2003, the Sector Strategies Program promotes industry-wide environmental gains through innovative partnerships with 12 manufacturing and service sectors. Through this collaborative, voluntary partnership, EPA is working with sector trade groups and other stakeholders to reduce pollution and conserve resources, and to measure corresponding performance results through quantitative metrics. During the first year of the Sector Strategies Program, EPA looked back on each sector's environmental progress to date in order to set the stage for further performance enhancements. There were also discussions with sector partners to identify additional opportunities for environmental performance improvements. Key environmental opportunities identified through research and discussions form the basis for this report. The purpose of this report is multi-fold: To profile each sector, highlighting industry statistics and trends, typical processes and operations, and trade group partners; to describe and, where possible, to measure environmental progress to date, focusing on performance trends over the past 10 years; and to identify opportunities - both in the near term as well as over the next decade (or longer) - for continued environmental improvement. EPA used available emissions and resource data, performance indicators, and/or case studies to provide a snapshot of environmental progress in each sector. Case studies, in particular, illustrate the kinds of innovative operational and measurement activities that might be adopted by the entire sector. In many cases, sector commitments are further demonstrated through their active membership in one or more relevant public-private partnerships, such as the National Environmental Performance Track. Over time, EPA will update performance information and measure sector gains.

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America's Children and the Environment

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA's America's Children and the Environment (ACE) report and web site provide information on trends in environmental factors related to the health and well-being of children in the United States. EPA has produced two reports; planning for a third phase of this work is underway. Changes to the web site are expected in the winter of 2006 and will focus on updating previously reported indicators on trends in: (1) levels of environmental contaminants in air, water, food and soil; (2) concentrations of contaminants measured in bodies of children and women; and (3) childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposures to environmental contaminants. A workshop of technical experts was convened in March 2005 to identify priority issues for the third phase of this effort. At least one topic-specific issue brief related to updated data will be published beginning in the spring of 2006. ACE is a joint effort of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP) and Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation (OPEI). The OCHP point of contact is Devon Payne-Sturges (202 564-2706 or payne-sturges.devon@epa.gov) and the OPEI point of contact is Daniel Axelrad (202-566-2304 or axelrad.daniel@epa.gov).

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children/index.htm

Ecological Condition of Western Streams and Rivers

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA's Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program, in partnership with the Conterminous 12 western states of EPA's Regions 8, 9 and 10, has surveyed the status of streams and rivers in the west. The report from this survey will be an assessment of the condition of these resources based upon the indicators of condition available by June 2005. Each participating state will be able to conduct an assessment of their state based upon the data they collected as part of this program. The report will be provided in a form suitable for use by the interested public.

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How to Access Draft Product: No URL Available

EPA's Report on the Environment

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA's Report on the Environment will describe national environmental conditions and trends. EPA received feedback about the 2003 Draft Report on the Environment and is applying this feedback to the 2006 Public Report to ensure that it is useful to citizens who are interested in environmental information. EPA also is developing the Technical Report on the Environment, which will provide more detail about indicators and identify data gaps. The point of contact for the Technical Report is Denise Shaw (202-564-3234) in the Office of Research and Development. The electronic Report on the Environment (e-ROE) will be a Web site about environmental indicators for many audiences, including concerned citizens, students, teachers, scientists, and public health and environmental stakeholders.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/indicators

Fourth Annual Performance Track Progress Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Fourth Annual Performance Track Progress Report is primarily an update of environmental results achieved by members since the last progress report published. Updated information on member locations, the program structure, criteria, achievements, and incentives is also included. The purpose of this publication is to demonstrate how Performance Track members achieve not only the strategic goals across media but also those that extend above and beyond what can be accomplished through regulation.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/performance-track/pubs.htm

Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories, Vol 4: Risk Communication, 2nd Edition

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This document is one of a series of national guidance documents that provides states, tribes and others with cost-effective, scientifically sound methods and protocols for developing and managing local fish consumption advisories caused by the occurrence of bioaccumulative pollutants in noncommercial fish and wildlife. The guidance is developed cooperatively with state and tribal advisory programs and is used by local governmental health and environment agencies issuing fish consumption advisories.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/

Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (HealthySEAT)

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (HealthySEAT) is a new database software application to help school districts evaluate and manage their school facilities for key environmental, safety and health issues. HealthySEAT has been designed to be customized and used by district-level staff to conduct completely voluntary self-assessments of their school (and other) facilities and to track and manage information on environmental

conditions school by school. In addition to software (using Microsoft Access Runtime version) that can be used by districts to track any facility issues it chooses, EPA has also included critical elements of all of its regulatory and voluntary programs for schools, as well as web links to more detailed information. Districts and others can download HealthySEAT at no cost from the EPA web site (<http://www.epa.gov/schools>). HealthySEAT is meant to be loaded and used on district computers; once it is downloaded from the EPA web site, HealthySEAT districts may customize and use as they see fit. There are no reporting requirements and no obligation to use the checklist EPA has provided. Beta version and project information available now; first national release version available mid-October 2005.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/schools

Survey Management Handbook

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Survey Management Handbook provides guidance on the conduct, design and analysis of environmental surveys. The Handbook is written for use by both statisticians and non-statisticians and provides practical advice on many aspects of survey research. The Handbook and the Guide to Secondary Information Products are the first in a number of OEI information publications which will provide guidance in developing quality information products.

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The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey (PACE)

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey (PACE) is a survey of manufacturing, mining, and electric utility facilities in the U.S. The survey gathers data on costs associated with pollution treatment (i.e., end-of-pipe controls), pollution prevention (i.e., production process enhancements to reduce pollution), disposal, and recycling. The survey is sent to approximately 20,000 establishments and was historically conducted by the Bureau of Census from 1973-1994. EPA funded the collection of the 1999 data and is currently in the process of redeveloping the survey instrument to be administered by the Bureau of Census in 2006 (for collection of 2005) data. Aggregate statistics are reported by two to six digit NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) codes, by abatement method (i.e., treatment versus prevention), media (i.e., air, water, solid waste), type of cost (i.e., capital versus operating), and state.

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Enforcement and Compliance

Annual Report on Region 5 Case Developments for FY 2003

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This report allows the reader to sort enforcement cases by name, month, state or statute. The report covers the Region 5 geographic area (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin) and describes environmental violations and the companies, facilities, or communities involved.

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Comparative Report for FY 1998-2003 on Region 5 Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) and Injunctive Relief

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This report will analyze trends in the environmental value (in terms of pollution reduction and prevention) and the total dollar value of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) and injunctive relief cases for the 1998-2003 fiscal years. A SEP is defined by relevant EPA guidance as an environmentally beneficial project that a violator agrees to undertake in a settlement of an enforcement action which is not otherwise legally required. To be considered a SEP, the project proposed by the Defendant (or "Respondent" in an administrative enforcement action), must be significantly in excess of what is necessary to achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable environmental laws. This report covers Region 5 states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

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Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) FY 2003 Authorizations Status Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This report will list the name of the rule, the date the final authorization takes effect, and the day the final authorization is published in the Federal Register for authorizations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). For proposed authorizations, the date of publication in the Federal Register will be listed. Examples of authorizations under RCRA are: 1) for corrective action, i.e., to enable a state to clean up a hazardous waste site; 2) for delisting a hazardous waste site; 3) for regulating the hazardous wastes produced in preserving wood (e.g., for regulating the wastes from the production of "Wolmanized" wood). The report covers Region 5 states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

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Trends Analysis of Penalties Assessed by U.S. EPA Region 5 for FY 1998-2003

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This updated report will consist of a written component and an associated chart. The written portion will discuss, in aggregate, the trends from 1998-2003 in the penalties assessed for violations of the following Acts: Clean Air Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Clean Water Act; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Safe Drinking Water Act; and Toxic Substances Control Act. The written section of the report will then analyze trends in the penalty assessments for violations of each of the acts individually.

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Pesticides

Meso-scale Atmospheric Transport Model

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA is working with the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, Department of Energy, and Department of Defense to develop a Geographic Information System-based complex terrain atmospheric transport model. This model will help the Pesticides Office estimate deposition and airborne concentrations of pesticides 1 to 100km downwind from small or large application areas.

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How to Access Draft Product: No URL Available

Model Development for FQPA Drinking Water Exposure Assessment

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: In October 2000, EPA, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Department of Agriculture formed an Inter-Governmental Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Drinking Water Steering Committee to oversee the development and validation of reliable models that can be used to

more accurately predict the concentrations of pesticides at individual drinking water intakes. CropLife America, representing regulated industry, and the American Water Works Association also sit on the committee as observers. In this five-year initiative, the three federal agencies will design and conduct water monitoring studies throughout the United States and use the information from these studies to validate drinking water models at the water utility level. After the validated models are in place, the Agency will use them in acute, chronic and cancer aggregate and cumulative human health risk assessments for pesticides and in risk management decision-making. A one year phase 1 monitoring study at 5 selected sites was completed in 2003. The sampling for a phase 2 monitoring study at 6 more sites started on April 19, 2004 and will continue for one year. The data from these monitoring studies will be used to validate the WARP model.

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Tier II Groundwater Model

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA is developing a Tier II Groundwater Model that will generate refined estimations of concentrations of pesticides in groundwater. The Agency is working with USGS to evaluate existing vadose-zone models that can be adapted for use for pesticide risk assessment. The three models that are being evaluated include PRZM, RZWQM, and LEACHMP. Once this evaluation is completed, it will be included in the Agency's cumulative carbamate assessment. These models have been run for the cumulative and preliminary results have been presented to the Science Advisory Panel (SAP). Comments have been received and are currently being addressed.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/2005/february/agenda3.htm

Solid Waste and Emergency Response

MSW in the U.S.: Facts and Figures

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: Each year EPA publishes a comprehensive report on the quantity, composition, and management practices of municipal solid waste (MSW) generated in the United States. The data is based on a model that tracks consumption of materials in the manufacture of consumer goods and products. Data is broken down by material (paper, glass, steel, etc.) and product (newspapers, corrugated cardboard, beverage containers, etc.) and reported in terms of amount generated, recycled, and disposed.

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Toxic Substances

Internet Geographical Exposure Modeling System (IGEMS)

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Internet Geographical Exposure Modeling System (IGEMS), currently under development, is a modernization of several older stand-alone models. IGEMS brings together in one system several EPA environmental fate and transport models and some of the environmental data needed to run them. It also uses graphing and Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities. IGEMS will eventually include models and data for ambient air, surface water, soil and ground water. Interactive menus guide users through selecting models, selecting and organizing data to be used as input to model runs, executing model runs, presenting model outputs, and accessing user help. With the IGEMS graphical and GIS capabilities, users can view the results as isopleths, vectors, etc., and as geographic presentations, including overlays with population and geographic location. The beta test version of IGEMS is available; the final release date will be determined after peer review.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/docs/gems.htm

Water

Clean Water Needs Survey Database

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA is moving the current Clean Water Needs Survey data entry system to the internet between now and 2008. Moving the system to the internet will provide easier access by States for data entry, as well as extend data entry capabilities to facilities and local communities. Development of the internet-based data entry system, which will begin in September of 2005, will be guided by a steering group composed of representatives from EPA, States, and Local Communities. Interested parties should contact Michael Plastino, CWNS Team Leader.

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How to Access Draft Product: No URL Available

National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue Final Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue is the largest national freshwater fish contamination survey EPA has conducted to date, and it is the first national fish contamination study with sampling sites selected according to a statistical design. Over a period of 4 years (2000-2003), fish were collected from 500 lakes and reservoirs in the lower 48 states. The fish samples (one predator composite and one bottom dweller composite from each site) were analyzed for 268 persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, and the results used to develop national estimates of mean concentrations of these chemicals in fish. The statistical design of the study also provides the basis for estimating the percentage of lakes and reservoirs across the country with fish tissue concentrations above or below levels of concern for human or ecosystem health. The final report will summarize the sampling design and present the statistical analysis of the cumulative 4-year fish contamination data set.

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How to Access Draft Product: www.epa.gov/waterscience/fishstudy/

Nonpoint Source Outreach Digital Toolbox

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The Nonpoint Source (NPS) Outreach Digital Toolbox will contain a searchable catalog of sample NPS outreach and educational materials in the form of existing TV, radio, and print public service announcements (PSAs) in digital formats; slogans, logos, and mascots; and featured PSAs. It will also include surveys on NPS awareness and evaluations of the effectiveness of real-world NPS mass media campaigns, and a "how to" guide for conducting watershed outreach campaigns to improve water quality. The Toolbox will be packaged in various forms (CD-ROM, and potentially a Web site and DVD). It will focus on providing tools and resources to reach the general public with sound NPS messages regarding the following categories of personal stewardship: general storm water and storm drain awareness; lawn and garden care; motor vehicle care; pet care; septic system care; and household chemicals and waste.

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How to Access Draft Product: epa.gov/nps/toolbox.html

Products Undergoing Significant Revisions and/or Products that are Released on a Regular Basis

Cross-Media

Bio-reactor Landfill State of the Practice Report

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: EPA has developed and is in the process of publishing a report documenting the current practice of operating municipal sanitary landfills as bioreactors. A bio-reactor landfill is one in which liquids are introduced to accelerate the microbial degradation of the waste. This is a

relatively new concept that is being tested in a number of facilities around the country. The advantages of accelerating degradation include increased opportunity to recover useful gas, reduced period of time needed to provide leachate and other environmental controls, increased disposal capacity, and earlier achievement of site stability. This study describes current technical practices, operating experiences, and environmental impacts. For further information, please contact Thabet Tolaymat (information listed below), or Jennifer Goetz at goetz.jennifer@epa.gov or 513-569-7899.

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How to Access Draft Product: No URL Available

Enforcement and Compliance

Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: A Decade of Environmental Results

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This annual report summarizes EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance accomplishments during fiscal year 2005 and in the context of the program's decade of existence. The report outlines enforcement and compliance assistance actions in priority areas and sectors, as well as in important program areas such as environmental justice.

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Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Priority Chemicals Trends Report (1999-2003)

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: This report tracks progress being made toward the OSW goal, under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), to reduce the quantity of priority chemicals contained in wastes, by 10 percent, using a 2001 baseline. The Trends Report also shows trends from 1999-2003, concerning the generation and management of the priority chemicals by National, EPA Region, State, and industry sector levels. This update of the Trends Report, for the first time, specifically presents the generation and management trends for the priority chemicals at Federal facilities. EPA annually updates this report, using the most recent Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data available to examine waste generation and management trends for the priority chemicals. The Trends Report and associated facility-specific data are only accessible at the website indicated below.

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The WasteWise 2005 Annual Report: Forging Ahead

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The WasteWise Annual Progress Report describes the most recent waste reduction results reported by WasteWise partners, summarizes other major program developments and accomplishments, and salutes the most recent WasteWise award winners. WasteWise is an EPA voluntary partnership program through which businesses, governments, and institutions reduce waste, benefitting their bottom line and the environment. Partners set their own goals and report their accomplishments in three areas: waste prevention, recycling, and buying/manufacturing recycled-content products. Currently, more than 1,400 partners receive technical assistance and recognition for their municipal solid waste reduction efforts. The Progress Report is an annual document which highlights examples of specific partners' achievements and general trends in the program.

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Water

Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2004 Report to Congress

Federal vs. State: Federal

Description: The 'Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) 2004 Report to Congress' will present the results of a joint EPA-State survey of water quality programs and projects that may be eligible for funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). EPA prepares this report in response to section 516 of the Clean Water Act. This will be the fourteenth survey/report since 1972. The CWNS is a collaborative effort between the States and EPA. States entered data into the CWNS database during a 10-month period between May 2004 and February 2005. States obtained the necessary information from a variety of sources. State-entered data is being reviewed and analyzed in accordance with agreed-upon criteria before being accepted for inclusion in the main body of the report. State-reported needs that did not meet the criteria are reported separately as Separate State Estimates. For the purpose of CWNS 2004 a 'need' is defined as a water quality or public health problem and an associated cost that is generally eligible for funding under the CWSRF. The need had to exist on January 1, 2004, and be supported by documentation that the States and EPA agreed upon before the survey was initiated. Lacking sufficient documentation of some cost information, EPA embedded cost curves into the CWNS data entry system to enable States to estimate costs for documented needs. In addition to need and cost information, the report will summarize and report technical data, such as population, flow, and effluent quality.

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